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THE SENATION OF THE SEASON!

Georgia Stock and Fair Association

Have arranged with

DR. W. F. CARVER

OF CALIFORNIA,

The Champion Rifle Shot of the World

Exhibitions at Oglethorpe Park,

Thursday, November 28, and

Friday, November 29th, 1878,

Commencing at 2 o'clock p. m.

DR. CARVER IS THE ORIGINATOR OF

the "Carver" rifle, and is the only man in the world who shoots glass balls

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SENATE, November 23, 1878.

The senate met at 10 o'clock, the prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Thomas. The roll was called and the journal of yesterday read and approved.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

Mr. McDaniel, chairman of the judiciary committee, made a report, which was taken and read.

A MESSAGE.

The governor, containing a communication to which he had referred in his message of the 10th inst., was read.

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The following sketch will be of interest to many of our readers. Dr. Carver was born at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 7, 1840. In the spring of 1864 his father moved with his wife and two children, Frank and May, to the Minnesota wilderness. In the picturesque and beautiful neighborhood of St. Anthony's Falls, where the city of Minneapolis now stands, a tract of land was pre-empted and in the primitive log cabin of the early settler amid the grand scenes of the wilderness, the little family spent one short and happy summer.

In September, 1864, during Dr. Carver's absence for winter supplies, the cabin in the wilderness was attacked by Indians, the mother and little daughter ruthlessly butchered, and little Frank carried into captivity. On the journey he was compelled to carry in his hand the severed head of his mother, which he carried with him until he was rescued by a party of soldiers.

He was taken a long distance up the Minnesota river to the Indian village, for a time the savages made him the butt of their cruel and malicious jokes, but he was by turns cruel, tortured and abused, or treated with absolute neglect, until one day, wandering and practiced desert soldier and forlorn, with tangled golden hair and a

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Headset returned from New York, where he has been in attendance at the November preliminary Auction Sales, commencing on the 6th of November. He has purchased very largely at those sales, and is happy to state that he can now place before his customers

The Cheapest and best Bargains

Carpets, Oil Cloths, Blankets, Dress Goods, Silks, Shawls, Boots and Shoes, CHILDREN'S, BOYS' and MEN'S HATS, TRUNKS.

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Trunks in every variety, from the finest gentlemen's sole leather Trunk to the common packing Trunk, all can be found in his establishment, and all assortment of DRY GOODS of every hue and color.

The Carpet Department is teeming with the newest designs and the most elegant assortment that can possibly be found in this city.

165 pieces Tapestry, 75c, 80c, 90c and \$1.00. Think of it! Crosey's English Tapestry Carpets offered at \$1.00 to \$1.15, former price \$1.50 to \$1.75.

25 pieces Carpet, varying in price, 15c, 18c, 20c, 25c to 30 cents. Ingrain Carpet, 50c, 60c and 75c; other houses ask \$1.00.

An elegant assortment of Lowell and Hartford Carpet. In fact, you cannot name a style or brand of Carpet that cannot be found in his house.

30 pieces BLACK GROS GRAIN SILK from the recent auction sales, 75c, 85c and \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50. The same goods could not be purchased one month ago for 20 per cent. more.

TELLARD'S BLACK GROS GRAIN SILK \$1.10, \$1.15, \$1.25 and \$2.00; fully 20 per cent. below cost of importation.

Great Bargains in Girard's Black Cashmere Silks \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.50.

Colored Gros Grain Dress Silks in all the new and desirable shades, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 a yard, rare Bargains.

Black and Colored Satin at exceedingly low prices. Ladies' GENTLEMEN AND CHILDREN'S SILK Figure Bourrette, 15c, 18c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 55c, 60c, 65c, 70c, 75c, 80c, 85c, 90c, 95c, 1.00, 1.10, 1.20, 1.30, 1.40, 1.50, 1.60, 1.70, 1.80, 1.90, 2.00, 2.10, 2.20, 2.30, 2.40, 2.50, 2.60, 2.70, 2.80, 2.90, 3.00, 3.10, 3.20, 3.30, 3.40, 3.50, 3.60, 3.70, 3.80, 3.90, 4.00, 4.10, 4.20, 4.30, 4.40, 4.50, 4.60, 4.70, 4.80, 4.90, 5.00, 5.10, 5.20, 5.30, 5.40, 5.50, 5.60, 5.70, 5.80, 5.90, 6.00, 6.10, 6.20, 6.30, 6.40, 6.50, 6.60, 6.70, 6.80, 6.90, 7.00, 7.10, 7.20, 7.30, 7.40, 7.50, 7.60, 7.70, 7.80, 7.90, 8.00, 8.10, 8.20, 8.30, 8.40, 8.50, 8.60, 8.70, 8.80, 8.90, 9.00, 9.10, 9.20, 9.30, 9.40, 9.50, 9.60, 9.70, 9.80, 9.90, 10.00, 10.10, 10.20, 10.30, 10.40, 10.50, 10.60, 10.70, 10.80, 10.90, 11.00, 11.10, 11.20, 11.30, 11.40, 11.50, 11.60, 11.70, 11.80, 11.90, 12.00, 12.10, 12.20, 12.30, 12.40, 12.50, 12.60, 12.70, 12.80, 12.90, 13.00, 13.10, 13.20, 13.30, 13.40, 13.50, 13.60, 13.70, 13.80, 13.90, 14.00, 14.10, 14.20, 14.30, 14.40, 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